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In re Application of:

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For: CORRUGATED PIPE CONNECTION JOINT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office action ("OA") dated April 9, 2002, making this Amendment and Response due on or before July 9, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 5, and replace it with the following:

Fig. 1A is a partial section taken through line I-I of Fig. 1 showing two adjacent corrugated pipe sections connected by a pipe connection joint according to the present invention having bell-formed ends joined by a first embodiment of a connector insert having flanges, a push-ring and two gaskets.

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 13, and replace it with the following: